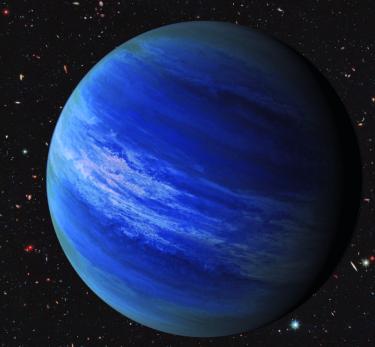


# Coronagraph Design and Metrics

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Outline



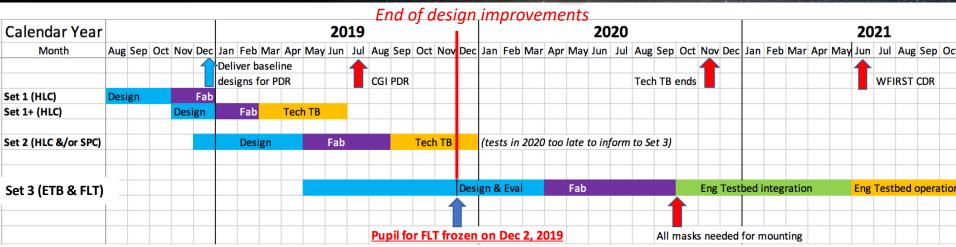
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# Timeline





#### 3 Mask Design Cycles Remaining

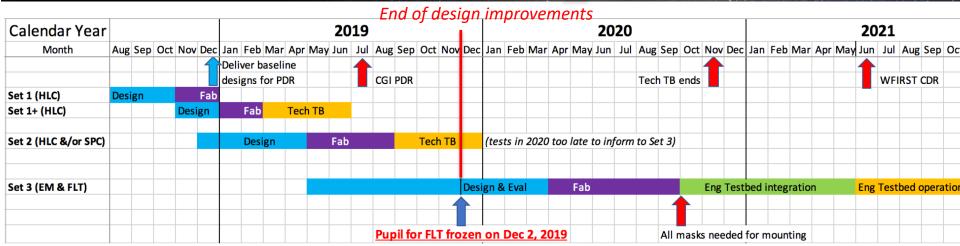
1. Test new fab method of HLC masks

- Last chance for big changes requiring HCIT verification
- 2. Test new mask features or combos
- 3. Final Masks: for ETB and FLT
- 12 months left total for all improvements to CGI coronagraph design process
  - Engineering Testbed (ETB) required to have same exact mask designs as FLT.
  - > ETB masks needed for mounting & testing months before ETB is built.
- 5 months left to get new mask features or combos (for Set 2)
  - Time includes designing and modeling.
  - > After 6 months, wouldn't get testbed results in time to inform ETB+FLT designs
- Remainder for improving design SW and algorithms (before Set 3)









- Phase B designs to be baselined this month
- Phase B baseline will have <u>same three modes</u> as before
  - HLC for Narrow FOV
  - SPC for IFS
  - 3. SPC for Wide FOV
  - Not enough data to support switching to HLC for IFS at this time.



# Priorities



#### **Available Coronagraph Elements:**

- 2 Deformable Mirrors (DMs)
- Shaped pupil (SP)
- Focal plane mask (FPM)
- Lyot stop (LS)

## **Top Priorities:**

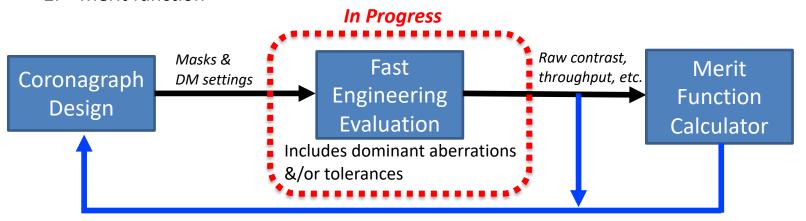
- 1. Make wavefront control easier for HLC
  - How? More complicated FPM for less DM effort
- 2. Improve spectrograph performance
  - higher throughput and/or 360° FOV
  - Possible directions?
    - **Switch to HLC** (increase to >=15% bandwidth)
    - Hybrid SPC
- Develop merit functions and evaluation procedures.
  - Needed to declare new designs better/worse and viable/unviable.



# Merit Functions and Evaluation

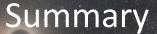


- Most remaining performance gains will be from trading something for something else.
- Designers need a fast merit function calculator to see if we made performance better/worse/same. Requires:
  - 1. Evaluation evaluation
  - Merit function



- Engineering evaluation:
  - Procedure to be finalized this Thursday.
- Merit functions by mode:
  - 1. Narrow FOV Imager: Flux ratio noise (FRN). Calculator coming from SE.
  - 2. IFS: Flux ratio noise (FRN). Calculator coming from SE.
  - 3. Wide FOV Imager: TBD combo of throughput, contrast, and encircled energy







- In last 12 months of coronagraph design
- No major changes to 3 baselined modes for PDR/Phase B
- Better designs still being investigated. One more design+fab+testing round next summer.
- For design comparisons, evaluation code and merit function calculators being developed.
  - Action item for SITs: merit function needed for disk imaging





# Extra Slides







Team Member	Institution	Roles in FY19
A.J. Riggs	JPL	Schedule, budget, hybrid design R&D, software development, SPC design
Dwight Moody	JPL	HLC R&D
Jessica Gersh-Range	Princeton	SPC trade studies, hybrid design R&D
Jorge Llop-Sayson	Caltech	HLC trade studies, hybrid design R&D
Erkin Sidick	JPL	Design algorithms, LOWFS modeling
Navtej Saini	JPL	Software development

## Main tasks this fiscal year:

- 1. Hybrid design R&D
- 2. Software development
  - Adding features, speedups, & cluster compatibility